

New EMS Station for Brier Creek (And Some History)

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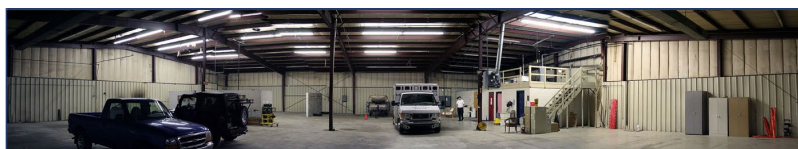
The Raleigh Public Record reported yesterday that Wake County Commissioners on Monday unanimously approved a design for a new EMS station in Brier Creek. The location is 6901 Mt. Herman Church Road, the site of a current EMS station that's operated out of a warehouse building that's leased from the Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority.

Their \$1-per-month lease expires in September, and FAA regulations require the rental rates to be fair market value. Thus the county will be charged \$1,000 per month, cha-ching. Bids will be accepted and awarded this spring.

The three-bay building will cost an estimated \$1.25 million. The facility will have 4,084 square-feet, including a supervisor's office, four-bed dorm room, kitchen, and day room. Construction should be complete by summer 2015. [See the floorplan, maps, and other documents](#) (PDF) that were presented to the Commissioners on Monday.



The current facility houses EMS 34, EMS 35, and Medic 95. The one-story building was built in 1972, and has 10,816 square-feet (heated). The structure was obtained by the airport in 1990, and served Six Forks EMS from October 2005 to May 2011. ([See posting.](#)) It was occupied by Wake County EMS on May 3, 2011. ([See posting.](#)) Click to enlarge this photo from April 2008. Will see about posting other interior (and exterior) shots of the facility:



The new EMS station will be the second purpose-built structure on airport property. Around 1997, a two-bay EMS station was built at 1015 National Guard drive. It housed EMS 6 until 2005, until the unit was removed from airport-area service. EMS vacated the building in late 2005. UNC Hospitals occupied the building in January 2006. The building currently houses a pair of Carolina Air Care ground units. ([See posting.](#))



Finally, there was a *third* EMS station at the airport, the original one. EMS 6 was placed in service in December 1990, in a retrofitted old house on the east side of Airport Boulevard, just south of Aviation Parkway. The building was the old Airport Manager's house. The ambulance was stored in an A-frame garage building that was added at the site. See more such photos on the [History of EMS in Wake County Facebook page](#). Click to enlarge:



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